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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: *Petition for an Investigation and/or Show Cause Order to Determine Just and Reasonableness of Rates Charged by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
Docket No. 98-00021

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("CAD") and the American Association of Retired Persons ("AARP"), this is to request that the oral argument set for Tuesday, April 7, be rescheduled.

Rescheduling will allow the Authority to hear arguments on both the AARP's Petition and the Complaint or Petition the CAD recently served on BellSouth in one hearing. BellSouth informed counsel for both the CAD and AARP today that it had no objection to proceeding with oral argument with regard to the AARP petition on Tuesday, but that it objected to the CAD's involvement in any oral argument on Tuesday before it had a chance to respond to the Complaint or Petition. General Williams stated that he wished to participate in the oral argument because he thought the relief requested by the AARP and the CAD were related, but he also agreed that BellSouth should be given the opportunity to respond to the Complaint or Petition prior to oral argument.

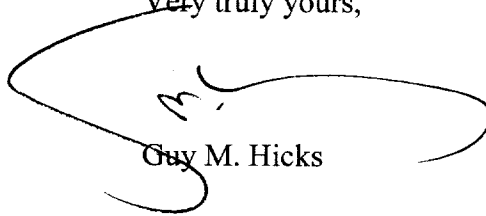
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Please let us know if this joint proposal presents a problem to the TRA.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

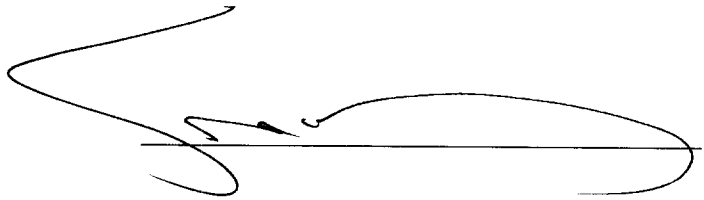
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 2, 1998, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via facsimile:

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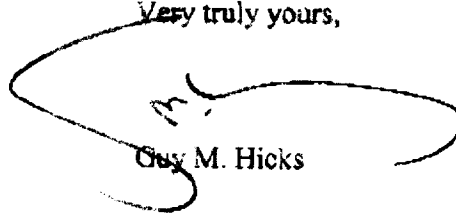
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